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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☒ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the International application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - ☐ a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ on paper
 - ☐ in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in electronic form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-11
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-11
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.9)

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Re Item V.

1. Reference is made to the following document:
D1: WO 2005/001505 A (CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA)
6 January 2005 (2005-01-06)
2. Clarity - Article 6 PCT
 - 2.1. Although claims 1 and 11 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.
 - 2.2. Claims 1 and 11 are not supported by the description as required by Article 6 PCT, as their scope, covers all types of electromagnetic waves, is broader than justified by the description, which refers to THz waves only.
 - 2.3. The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).

3. Independent claims 1 and 11

Document D1 discloses an inspection apparatus comprising a substrate (302) having therein a structure (its surface) for holding an inspected object (312); a THz wave transmitting portion with an antenna (306) for irradiating the inspected object (312) with a THz wave; and a THz receiving portion with an antenna (309) for receiving the THz wave; wherein both antennas (306, 309) are integrated in the substrate (302) and thus disposed in contact with it.

Thus, all features of claims 1 and 11 are known from D1, the subject-matter of these claims is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

4. Dependent claims

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Dependent claims 2-10 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of claim 1, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).